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MY PRAYER

May Thy faith strip my soul of fear, dear Lord,
Like the leaves from a wind-kissed tree;
May my faith pierce the shadows of doubt, dear Lord,
Like a lighthouse on the stormy sea.

Oh! Plant Thy faith deep in my breast, dear Lord,
Like the roots of a sequoia tree;
May Thy faith light my path with hope, dear Lord,
Like Bethlehem's Star that shone for me.

May Thy sweet Spirit always give me life, dear Lord,
As spring sap feeds the budding tree;
May I walk humbly by Your side, dear Lord,
Is all I ask for in 'forty-three.

—E. R. CONNELLY.

"And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him,"

James 5:15.

Notices

Correction

In the January 30 issue of the Church of God Evangel, a package was credited as having been received from Emma Adkins, when it should have been credited to the Church of God Sunday School at Huntington, West Virginia.—Church of God Orphanage, Cleveland, Tennessee.

Anyone living in or near New York City who desires to attend the Church of God services is invited to attend our new church in the beautiful church building at 5123 7th Avenue, Brooklyn, New York City, N. Y.

I will be preaching for four weeks at this Church of God, from February 21 until March 21, at 4:00 p. m. and nightly at 8:00 p. m. On Sundays we have services at 4:00 and 8:00 p. m. Anyone wishing to write me about any contacts that you would like me to make with any of your friends or relatives living in New York City may send it to the above address.—Roland Verrico, overseer of New York.

Change of address of ministers and workers:

Lemuel Johnson, overseer of Minnesota—Old: Gen. Del., Staples, Minn. New: 3219 Johnson St., N. E., Minneapolis, Minn.

To whom it may concern: To the Church of God members and friends, if you have loved ones who have moved down in the Port Arthur, Tex., Orange or Beaumont area who are working in any of these defense factories and do not know where the Church of God is located, if you will send me their names and addresses or have them write here—Rt. 1, Box 80, Port Arthur, Tex.—I will do my best to get in touch with them. Our church is in the Val Verde Gardens to the left just before you get to the big bridge on the Orange and Port Arthur Highway, or to the right coming from Orange, Tex., just after you go over the big bridge. We invite the Church of God members who live in Orange, Tex., to come over and worship with us, as I understand there are several families who live there and we do not have a church there at present. My phone number is 26983.—L. C. Pennington, pastor, Rt. 1, Box 80, Port Arthur, Tex.

This is not only to welcome the man in uniform, but to all who pass through New Orleans, La., at some time or other. We have a church here whose doors are

"IF"

JUNIOR JEWELS

had been passed out to those certain boys and girls in Sunday School, J. Edgar Hoover might not have had a report reading like this, dated Washington, February 19 (AP):

"Reporting 55.7 per cent more girls under 21 were arrested last year than in 1941, FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover said today it 'indicated a deplorable lack of parental guidance and discipline in many homes.'

"The number of boys under 21 arrested last year increased 17.1 per cent over 1941, despite the removal of large numbers from civilian to military life, the FBI chief said.

"Hoover reported that arrests of girls under 21 for prostitution increased 64.8 per cent last year; arrests for other sex offenses were up 104.7 per cent; drunkenness arrests increased 39.9 per cent and disorderly conduct arrests, 69.6 per cent.

"Among boys under 21, arrests for assault increased 17.1 per cent; for rape, 10.6 per cent; disorderly conduct, 26.2 per cent, and drunkenness, 30.3 per cent."

Why don't you try them in your Sunday School class? Boys and girls who have read Christian stories have purified minds and are safer at large than those who do not read such stories. 10c per copy for the entire quarter. Try them now. Don't delay!—Editor.

open to anyone and we welcome visitors. Quite a few soldiers and sailors have found the church and are attending the services as frequently as possible, and truly we thank the Lord for them.

Everyone who loves the Lord needs a place to worship Him, I'm sure. We do not think there is a better place than the great Church of God. While our church is not a large church, yet the real gospel is preached and God blesses in a wonderful way.

We now have Rev. O. L. McManus as pastor and we thank the Lord for such a wonderful man of God.

Services are held at our church Wednesday nights at 7:30 p. m., Friday nights Y.P.E., Sunday morning Sunday School at 10:00 a. m. and preaching service at 11:00 a. m. Service Sunday evenings at 7:00 p. m. The church is located at 1017 Spain Street.

I, personally, thank and praise the Lord for His wonderful love and mercy to us.—Billie Jean Burk, 2014 N. Rampart St., New Orleans, La.

NOTES FROM MY LETTERS

By J. H. Walker, General Overseer

The Jal church has a nice five-room parsonage partly furnished. They bought it at a bargain and have already paid in full for it. They are moving it on the church property this week, I understand. The Carlsbad church has their parsonage finished and the pastor is in it and it looks nice. You wouldn't know where you had drifted to if you were set inside the church there. They have it dressed up till it's a beauty on the inside, and are planning on rocking the front of the church in a beautiful arch style. They paid for the improvement as they went. The greatest mystery of all is the church at Roswell. They have the lumber on the ground, the rock and cement for the foundation and they have already started on a 30 x 30 church building on the same block where the state parsonage is located. They already have the foundation laid, and when it is finished according to plans it will be a rock veneer church.

We are very short of workers in the state and desire that you help us pray that God will send us laborers in this field. This is about all the news from this direction.—Sincerely, V. B. Rains, overseer of New Mexico.

Brother Scott at San Pablo has written for deed forms and states that the church and property there is all paid for. This is a brand new church and we are grateful to know that it is unencumbered. The Littons at Tulare have

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Jonah and the Whale

Either a Myth or Miracle

A Radio Message Preached by J. L. Goins over Station KFJB, Marshalltown, Iowa.

THE story of Jonah is either an imaginary myth, an impossible piece of fiction, or else it is an important truth which should be heeded by all. The unbeliever and the skeptic and the scoffer of today laugh at what they call the "fish story." They declare it to be utterly impossible for a whale to swallow a man, and, furthermore, they claim it is impossible for a man to exist alive for three days and three nights in a whale's belly even though the whale did succeed in swallowing him. However, we find by good authority that whalers at sea have harpooned and caught whales at sea and found them to have entombed a man. I was preaching in Florida and when I got through a man, who was on a ship one time when a man died and they buried him at sea, came up and told me that two days after that they captured a whale and in cutting him up they found, to their surprise, that the man had been swallowed by this whale which was following the ship. And after all, scientists declare that certain types of whales are able and have swallowed men, and at different times great sea monsters have been harpooned at sea that had throats large enough to drive a team of horses and wagon in, so we have no difficulty whatsoever in believing the story of Jonah and the whale.

We remember some years ago, when William Jennings Bryan and Clarence Darrow, the atheist who defied the Word of God, were discussing the doctrine of evolution in Dayton, Tennessee. Darrow asked the question of Mr. Bryan, "Do you believe in the Bible?" Mr. Bryan said, "Yes." Mr. Darrow said, "Do you believe the fish story?" Mr. Bryan said, "Yes." "What if the Bible had said that Jonah swallowed the fish?" Mr. Bryan said, "If the Bible had said that Jonah swallowed the fish, I would have believed it because the almighty God that is able to make a fish swallow a man is able to make a man swallow a fish."

We do not need to question the great omnipotent power of God. We need to believe it. Our faith is just as simple as that of a Salvation Army lassie who was journeying to her destination on a train and a traveling man who had

previously attended one of her meetings happened to be on the same train. Seeing her, he went and sat down by her side. He was a man who disbelieved God and criticized the Bible. Skeptically, he asked the question, "Surely you don't believe that whale swallowed Jonah, do you?" "Why of course I believe it," replied the girl, "and when I get to heaven I'm going to see Jonah and ask him all about it." The skeptic replied, "But supposing Jonah is not in heaven?" The girl replied, "Then you ask him."

As a matter of fact, the word translated "whale" in one scripture is translated "a great fish" in another, and both are from the original word meaning a "sea monster." Surely the almighty Creator, who prepared the heavens and the earth, could prepare a sea monster to accomplish His divine purpose concerning Jonah! With God nothing is impossible. "But," says someone, "even if Jonah was swallowed by the big fish, surely he did not remain alive in the belly for three days and three nights!" Here is a question that has been debated pro and con but I am going to answer it here in the positive. No, of course not! Show me the book, verse, and chapter, in the Bible that tells us that he did remain alive there in the belly of the whale. As a matter of fact, Jonah died; but God preserved his body within the sea monster and at the end of three days and three night he resurrected him from the dead. From this we can clearly understand what Jesus meant in the Gospel of Matthew 12:38-41, "Then certain of the scribes and of the Pharisees answered, saying, Master, we would see a sign from thee. But he answered and said unto them, An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but for the sign of the prophet Jonas: For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. The men of Nineveh shall rise in judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: because they repented at the preaching of Jonas; and, behold, a greater than Jonas is here." Jonah was a type of Christ. Even as Jonah was so must the Son of man be. I mean by this

that in order to prefigure Jesus as a type, Jonah must die, or the type fails. Also in order to prefigure Jesus as a type, Jonah must rise from the dead, or again the type fails. Of course, it would have been possible for God to have kept Jonah alive in the sea monster's stomach, and that would have been a glorious and marvelous miracle, but if He had done so it would absolutely have destroyed the type. So Jonah died, and while his body remained in the stomach of the sea monster his soul passed on into Sheol, the resting place of the souls of the dead.

We see from the Word of God that every individual, whether righteous or wicked, from the days of Adam to the resurrection of Jesus Christ, at death their souls went down. They went to Sheol, nevertheless they did not go to the same place. The righteous went into the department which is known in the New Testament as Abraham's bosom. The wicked went into the hell section.

The first thing that Jonah did when he landed in the fish's belly was to pray, and that is generally what every other individual does when he sees that he is entombed in trouble, he begins to call upon the Lord. He was alive when he began to pray, but he soon passed through the ordeal of death and his prayer was continued and concluded in Sheol. We learn from the first two verses of the 2nd chapter of Jonah, "Then Jonah prayed unto the Lord his God out of the fish's belly, and said, I cried by reason of mine affliction unto the Lord, (in other words, his affliction applies to his suffering, his agony, as he was going through the ordeal of death) and he heard me; out of the belly of hell cried I, and thou heardest my voice." The literal translation of this verse reads like this, "Out of a hollow place of Sheol cried I." So it was not out of the whale's belly but out of a hollow place of Sheol that he finished his prayer.

Then we conclude that Jonah began his prayer when he entered into the belly of the fish, but we notice that he ended it in Sheol. Just what words he used, we do not know, but I am satisfied that he used such terms as

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Religion and the World

BY THE EDITOR

German Protestant Clergy

A report coming out of Stockholm through RNS states that out of the 18,000 Evangelical (Protestant) clergymen 6,000 are serving in the armed forces; 700 have been killed in action, most of them in Russia.

Quisling Clergy Police

A report coming out of Stockholm by RNS states that "Norway Quisling-appointed bishops have been invested with police powers, following a series of unsuccessful attempts to gain possession of church properties." Such power makes anything these Quisling anti-Christian puppets do legal. They occupy the same relationship to Quisling that the false prophet will to antichrist. It is also reported from the same source that Quisling has confiscated the Norwegian Mission Societies' funds.

Commandos

are those daring fellows who attack and raid an enemy's territory, even under trying circumstances. They take the initiative and carry the fight to the enemy. We need a great number of that kind of fellows, who, as ministers, will carry the fight to the enemy (Satan) and launch a revival out in new fields even though the prospect is hard. We gain no ground we are not willing to fight for, therefore let us take the offensive and "launch out into the deep" for a "draught" of new-born souls.

Pentecost

is that outstanding day on which the Holy Ghost fell upon the waiting disciples. It came as a characteristic promise and endowment of power for the age. It is therefore still scriptural and proper to seek and to have the Holy Ghost as an abiding comforter in our lives. This is not a novel experience; it is as old as the New Testament Church and the commission thereof to preach the gospel. The baptism of the Holy Ghost is the divine insignia of power and the witness of our commission. No one can preach the truth in a concrete form without preaching that the baptism of the Holy Ghost is still for us today. Whether it is popular or not, it is very needful for Christians to be thus baptized.

Jewish Girls Suicide

An official of the Beth Jacob Committee in New York has received a letter from a Beth Jacob school teacher in

Warsaw, Poland, indicating that ninety-three Jewish girls and young Jewish women, the students and the teacher of the school, chose suicide rather than to be forced into prostitution by German soldiers. The letter was dated Aug. 11, 1942, and smuggled out of Poland through Switzerland and forwarded to New York. These girls had provided themselves with poison, the account stated, with which to kill themselves. They are reported to have said, "It is good to live for God, but it is also good to die for Him," after they were told the German soldiers would visit them. "All of us have poison. When the soldiers come we shall drink it," *Jewish Missionary Magazine* reports.

Christmas Declaration

Under the caption of "Jewish Notes" the *Jewish Missionary Magazine* states that "the New York Times, under date of Dec. 28, 1942, carried the following Christmas declaration by loyal Americans of German descent, signed by many leaders in many walks of life—ministers, college and seminary professors, university deans and presidents, authors, publishers, judges, lawyers, physicians, and prominent business men: "At this season in which we celebrate the birth of Jesus of Nazareth, we Americans of German descent raise our voices in denunciation of the Hitler policy of cold-blooded extermination of the Jews of Europe and against the barbarities committed by the Nazis against all other innocent peoples under their sway."

New Citizenship

Writing on "Education," Walter Johnson said, "The new concept of American citizenship now becoming more and more common is that America is not a melting pot but an ensemble of diverse groups, each of which has a contribution to make, characteristics and a history of which to be proud, and an obligation to respect and work with the other groups for the common good. Americans come from many nations. yet are one; many races, yet all are brothers; many creeds, yet all seek the same social objectives. America is E Pluribus Unum, 'one out of many.'" This is quite a fine opinion with respect to a brotherhood built upon a human philosophy; however, it remains that only God can build a unity that will be lasting; and it has indeed been hard for God to do it. We shall see what man can do.

Many Languages

Speaking of languages, the *Waltham League Messenger* states that "Men today use almost 3,500 dialects. There are 800 separate modes of speech in Africa, 130 in India, 87 in the Philippine Islands, 46 in Europe, and 42 languages are heard on the streets of Jerusalem." The growth of the English language is remarkable. A hundred years ago, we are told, it was spoken by 20,000,000 people. Today it is the language of 250,000,000 and, with 60,000,000 who are able to use it sufficiently for business purposes, some believe that English "bids fair to become the universal speech." Notwithstanding we will have to reckon with the Hebrew eventually.

A Startling Challenge

Writing in the *Gospel Herald*, Bernice Jordan states that recent figures published state that in the few months since the war began there has been an increase of 41 per cent in delinquency and crime among children 7 to 14. In prewar days it was stated that 80 per cent of all our criminals were under 25 and that our army of the lawless then ran to 4,500,000. One can seldom pick up a Christian periodical without reading of the 27,000,000 unreached children and the 9,000,000 unreached young people in our United States. Statistics also state that 90 per cent of all Christians are won to the Lord before they are 21 and that of all believers over the age of 25 only 2 out of every 100 make a decision for Christ. A little boy who said he attended no Sunday School, when asked by a Bible club leader if he knew anything about the Lord Jesus Christ, said, "My daddy says Jesus Christ when he gets mad." In Philadelphia alone there are 175,000 boys and girls who attend no Sunday School.

Well Sir

When Mussolini wanted to enlarge his empire, he knew that it would take men to do it, therefore he offered rewards to mothers of large families. This has also been a method used by other nations to increase their population. Right here is a ticklish point, and a more serious one than most people think. With the increase in the colored population in the U. S., the white American may have to choose between preaching and practicing birth control or being ruled by the colored race. This is more than a joke.

Swedish Churches

"A Wartime Survey" of Swedish activities reports that Sweden is probably "one of the most homogenous countries" in the world. The Lutheran state church includes in its membership practically all of the entire Swedish population. (Continued on page 15)

Youth's Privilege, but God's Judgment

By REV. CLARENCE O. BURDICK

Eccl. 11:9, "Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes; but know thou, that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment."

LET US notice the words of the text wherein God exhorts the young man to rejoice in his ways. Yes, young man, follow your ways, walk in the sight of your eyes. Indulge in the pleasures of sin, which last only for a season, as much as your heart desires. Remember, it's your privilege. Certainly, you can serve sin. God doesn't make you seek salvation. However, He does require it of you if you expect to make heaven your eternal home.

There is a vast difference between religion and salvation. Religion is a form of worship. The angry mob that crucified the Son of God and put Him to an open shame had a form of religion. Still, they were not Christians.

What a wonderful experience it is to know the Lord in the pardon and forgiveness of sin. How thankful we should be that we can have real old time salvation in our souls and such a precious Savior that loved us even before we knew Him and washed us of our sins in His own blood. I didn't live the life of sin long, as I accepted the Lord and God saved, sanctified and baptized me with the Holy Ghost and led me into the

Church of God at the youthful age of fourteen, for which I thank and praise Him.

Listen, young people, God wants you to work for Him, even though you have the privilege of living the life of sin. Remember that God will bring you into judgment for it.

Hebrews 9:27, "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." You have an appointment to make, an appointment with death. You may put off salvation. You can reject the Lord Jesus Christ, but when death comes to claim its victim you will have to say yes. Even though you are unprepared to go, death doesn't stop to consider those things. It is appointed unto you to die and after that the judgment. Oh, if death would end it all, it would be an entirely different story. But, as death is appointed unto you, so do you have an appointment to face the judgment bar of God. Romans 6:23, "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

You may ask the question, "How can I be freed from the bondage of sin?" Matthew 1:21, "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins." If you have been saved from your sins you are my brother or my sister in Christ and have gained an inheritance into the kingdom of God.

We notice that Jesus is God's gift to the world. He didn't have to come down to this old sin-cursed world and give His life's blood, but He did it because He loved us. He did it because that was the only way to fulfill God's plan. God created this earth and spoke it into existence but no sooner was man placed here and given everything to make life enjoyable than that awful thing called sin entered into the heart of man. Ever since that time people have been born in sin and shaped in iniquity. If you haven't been born again you are a sinner. If you are a Christian you do not sin.

Oh, my God, help us to fight sin. Sin is the transgression of God's law. Don't tell me people can sin every day and still be children of God.

Young man or young woman who is lost in sin, what about it? You say you are satisfied, but are you? Won't you step out on God's never-failing promises and become a child of the King?

Think of it. Even though you do have the privilege of serving sin, you also have the privilege of accepting God. Maybe you have thought of death, but have you considered the judgment?

I am a young man eighteen years old. About two years ago God called me to work for Him. People need to be submissive to the will of God and obedient to His voice. Let us pray and work while it is yet day, for the night is soon coming when no man can work.

What Did God Say?

MRS. J. MORGAN BRADENBURG

AND God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. And God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness," and God created man in His own image; male and female created He them. And God made and created everything essential to man's need and comfort and gave him dominion thereof, yes, the seed of the land and the fruit of the vine.

Now Jacob, through whom the seed of promise comes, had a dream and beheld a ladder reaching from earth to heaven, on which angels ascended and descended, and the Lord stood above it, speaking great promises unto the faithful.

Jacob, realizing what it meant to be a recipient of God's promises, in great fear converted the use of the stone upon

which his head lay, from a pillow to a pillar.

It is amazing to note how many use the promises of our Lord for rest and ease, instead of a mighty bulwark against Satan and sin.

By an eye of faith, I can see Jacob as he knelt before that stone in humble gratitude, and made his vow. Dear reader, did he speak that vow loud enough for you to hear? He vowed a vow and said, "Of all that thou shalt give me, I will surely give a tenth unto thee."

If the supreme owner of heaven and earth honored man enough to create him male and female in God's own image, then loved him enough to create everything for his comfort and use, Jacob was sincere enough to offer a token of his gratefulness by giving a tenth.

Do we possess that much sincerity?

Oh, how we delight ourselves in singing, "We are climbing Jacob's ladder."

Christian friends, are you as grateful as the son of Isaac? Are you making and paying that vow? If not, when you sing that song again, ask yourself the question, "Does my voice ring out as did the voice of Jacob as he knelt in front of that stone?" When you speak of your home, your money, your possessions, can those about you say, "It rightfully belongeth unto him (or her), because the tenth hath been given?"

God said, "Ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me." To save space, I'll ask you to please read again what the prophet Malachi said in the third chapter of his writings and prophecy.

If this were the only scripture in the whole Book concerning tithing, you'd

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Passing the Lord and Praising the Ammunition

Matt. 27:39, "And they that passed by reviled him, wagging their heads."

SOME time ago I heard a radio program in which questions were asked of an Army chaplain as concerning his difficulties in the Army, and he said one of the biggest things now was the song just out, "Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition." This song has brought the name of the Lord to thousands of lips that have possibly thought or spoke little of the Lord, but is it with reverence? I fear not. "Not everyone that nameth the name of the Lord shall be saved." The trouble is, in general, the people are passing the Lord and praising the ammunition.

PRaising THE AMMUNITION

Yes, it is true we are all happy to be Americans. We Americans have a tendency to brag or praise everything made in America. We praise the planes, ships, tanks, guns, shells, etc., but what about God? If God were praised as the above, we would see a change.

Our ammunition is that which has been given to us, "The Sword of the Spirit," Eph. 6:17, the Word of God. Our armour, Eph. 5:12-17, and the power which is given daily. "Ye shall receive power after . . ." Acts 1:8.

Let us now look into the main thought of the subject.

By REV. BRADY DENNIS

PASSING THE LORD

In the most crucial time of the life of Christ, the world, even His own people, passed Him by, but that was not enough, they reviled Him, made light of Him, wagging their heads. Is this so today? Yes, the world is passing the Lord. Rev. 3:20, "Behold (fix your eyes on), I stand at the door and knock." He wants us to give attention to Him. He not only stands at the door but is knocking (so as to attract) to be received. He is being passed by, unnoticed by many, pushed aside or trampled underfoot. Isa. 50:6. Oh! how He must be grieved, when He is treated thus. Heb. 6:6b, "Seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God AFRESH, and put Him to OPEN shame."

"He cometh . . . and would have passed by them," Mark 6:48. On this occasion the disciples were in trouble. The winds were contrary. The Lord would have passed by, but He was touched with their cries and He said, "Be of good cheer: it is I; be not afraid." He came into the ship and there was a great calm. Always when we invite Christ to come into anything (our

hearts, lives, homes, business and even a nation) there will be a great calm. Oh! don't let us pass Him by. He will bring the calm.

OUR NATION—Yes, if our nation, leaders, armed men, and civilians as a whole would invite Christ into our ship, there would be a great calm. We are in danger but Jesus is near. Let us invite Him into this world crisis. Yea, but first into our hearts and then the calm will come. Sorry to say that I heard one man say, "There is too much praising God and not enough passing the ammunition." NO, he is wrong. We need more praising God! God will not overlook America just because we have a free country in which to worship God. Acts 17:30,31. God does not overlook ignorance today. Yet Christ will be touched if we call upon Him and will not pass us by.

If we pass Him, some day He will pass by us. Prov. 1:24-33, "Because I have called and ye refused, . . . I also will laugh at your calamity . . . mock when your fear cometh . . . Then, shall they call upon ME, but I will not answer," etc. Do not pass Him by any longer. Matt. 11:28. Stop and invite Him in now.

Throw a Line

MRS. KATHRYN THOMPSON

DO YOU remember that time you knelt at Calvary, praising God through tears of joy? The burden of sin was gone, you had found joy, peace, security, such unspeakable joy! You wanted to shout it from the housetops; you wanted to "tell it to the nations." Well, it is just as real today. The need is just as urgent. The commission is still ringing out. Go! "Go and teach them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you."

Yes, you said, "I want a part in that, I want to tell the people." God's saving grace is just as powerful as the day He first said, Go!

Yes, you meant to go, or maybe you meant to send someone in your stead. The custom once was when a man was not able to go to war he would hire a man to go in his place. If we cannot go (all are not willing to go) spread the gospel, we should be willing to at least send someone in our place. Then, too, we can send the printed word in the Church

of God Evangel, the Lighted Pathway, tracts and gospels.

When you first read my appeal for gospel literature to give to the soldiers in the hospital, you wanted to send it, or better still, you wanted to take it and speak a few encouraging words to those boys who have left home and all that is dear, to keep us safe and free to spread the gospel of salvation.

Well, if you get started now you still have opportunity to reach a few of our sons in khaki. Some have passed out of our reach. Since my son in the service has been in the East I have received several cards saying they met my son and served him dinner or supper. Some invited him to their homes. You cannot know how much it was appreciated by those lonely homesick boys so far from home. I am sorry to say the churches who entertained our boys were not the Church of God, neither here in Louisiana has our Church entertained the soldiers.

A boy at the hospital told me that God

will ask the people at the judgment three questions: "Did you visit me when I was sick, and in prison, and hungry?" He had his scripture a little mixed but he had the right idea.

Some of us may be missing an opportunity to entertain an angel. It could be your boy, and it may be before the conflict is over. Will you pray that God will send laborers among the great fields (camps) all ready to be gathered in? Soon the angel will thrust in the sickle. They will be reaped—prepared or unprepared.

Do you want a part in reaping the harvest of souls? Is a soul worth a little of your time and a few cents to send the gospel to the camps? The world is giving them thousands of dollars worth of books and all kinds of entertainment. Can we afford to *not* send them the precious gospel?

Notice

Anyone coming to Burlington, N. C., to work in the defense plants, the Church of God is located on the corner of Maple Avenue and Flanner Street.—Rev. L. O. Henry, pastor, Siler City, N. C.

Thou Art the Christ

By REV. MERRILL H. EVE

"Get thee behind ME, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the LORD THY GOD and Him only shalt thou serve." Glory to His name! The nail held fast. He remained MAN—remained to die a MAN!

He came into this world to ultimately triumph as King of the Jews, King of Israel and King of kings. He alone knew that the King's highway led through Gethsemane and past Calvary's mountain. On the way was suffering, torture, heartache—death! Satan offered Him a shortcut. All the glory of a King—all the pomp and splendor of a potentate was offered the Christ WITHOUT DYING on the CROSS. The offer was genuine. Satan was the prince of the world. He had been one of the chief cherubim. He was Lucifer, the Son of the Morning. He was beautiful, full of wisdom and knowledge (Ezek. 28:3,17) and desired equality with God. It was Satan who said, "I will exalt my throne above the stars of God—I will be like the most High" (Isa. 14:13,14). He declared, "I AM GOD—I sit in the seat of God" (Ezek. 28:1). Thus he became our adversary (Satan) and was banished out of his heavenly place.

The terrific struggle and rebellion caused the chaotic condition mentioned in the second verse of Genesis. Then God recreated and made the earth a habitation for man. He placed man upon it, man stamped in the image of the Creator.

From that moment Satan determined to destroy man, and consequently nullify God's purpose concerning man.

He tempted the first man with his own innate desire to be as God. Man listened, fell and was put aside, becoming the slave of Satan. Satan then became the devil or "slanderer." He became the slanderer of God to man.

Winning seemingly in the struggle of the ages, he at last faced the Second Man, the Last Adam, Christ Jesus our Lord. The devil was cast out, down, and was fallen from his high place, but he still remained the "prince of this world."

With all of his fallen angels he was the ruler of the darkness of this world and the power behind the powers of the authorities of the earth.

He offered to hand over to the Lord Jesus his practical rulership. The devil knew that it was the eternal plan for the Son of man to be co-equal ruler of the world with the Father. He was perfectly willing to give up his title, to withdraw his angels and lieutenants from the front trenches IF—IF Jesus

would fall down and acknowledge the devil as the "co-equal ruler of the world with the Father." The offer is plain in Luke 4:5-7, "And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdom of the world in a moment of time. And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: . . . If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine."

The devil was doing everything in his power to break the eternal purpose and prevent man from ascending triumphant in Christ to the joint leadership of the world. But praise be the name of the Lord! The brass nail stood the test. He rebuked Satan and commanded him to worship God.

There is another beautiful story in scripture that proves the surety of our Lord—the nail in a sure place and His recognition of His earthly purpose for living. Five thousand people had followed Him along the roads, listening to every word that dropped from His mouth. Every miracle of healing was gazed upon with ten thousand eyes. No thought had been given about food. The markets were far behind. No one had brought sustenance. It was not a picnic. This was a new marvel that drove away hunger and thirst in the amazing intensity of religious fervor.

But the Son of Man didn't forget. The evening was drawing nigh. They stopped to rest and then hunger reared its head and the people murmured. The Lord Jesus took a few loaves of bread and two small fishes provided by a lad passing by. He commanded His audience to sit down. Breaking the loaves and fishes He gave them to eat until they were satisfied. Then He had His disciples gather up the leftovers—twelve baskets full.

When that multitude beheld the miracle—saw before them a MAN of such strange power—they saw their own problems immediately solved, political and social. He was fit to be their leader, their King. Like many another mob they arose with a sudden outburst of fiery zeal—they would proclaim Him as King—yes, they would follow Him and claim Him as the Son of David. Many a king has been placed on a throne by just such enthusiastic frenzy.

Once more the nail is tested. Will it hold? Will it remain in a sure place? Can it stand the terrific strain? The offer of kingship appealed to vanity, ambition, and love of power. Again it was a short-cut to the throne of David

and the key. Would He fail now and destroy the eternal purpose? or would the Man triumph once more?

Hear the answer. "When Jesus therefore perceived that they would come and take him by force, to make him a king, he DEPARTED again into a mountain himself ALONE" (John 16:15). Tell me, my friends, what do you suppose this victorious man did? He PRAYED! A crown held before Him—but He PRAYED. David's throne His, and His own people doing homage to Him—but He PRAYED! A potentate of potentates for the accepting—but He PRAYED! What a NAIL in a sure place. What a MAN this Jesus of ours!

"And when he sent the multitude away, he went up into a mountain apart to PRAY; and when the evening was come, he was there ALONE" (Matt. 14:23). Again the MAN who came to DIE met the test. He rejected a crown—thereby kept God's purpose SECURE in a sure place!

JONAH AND THE WHALE

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man under similar circumstances. He cried out, "O God, have mercy on me." But we do know what he said when he arrived in Sheol, for the words of that prayer are recorded in Jonah 3:2-9. Take your Bibles and read that prayer and note how Jonah quotes eight passages of Scripture as he prayed. These scriptures are all inspired utterances, concerning the death, burial and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. These eight scriptures are found in Psalms 120:1; 130:1; 140:1; Lamentations 3:55-56; Psalms 42:7; Psalms 31:22; Psalms 69:1 and Lamentations 3:54. Then after three days and three nights the Lord spoke to the fish, and it obeyed his command. The fish vomited out Jonah on dry land. Here is a thought I'd like you to note. Seemingly, if any creature as dumb as the fish is, would heed God's command, surely humanity ought to know enough to obey Him. Here we see the prophet was literally risen from the dead. Both Jonah and Jesus were raised from the dead after three days and three nights. Now three days and three nights are equal to 72 hours. We count back 72 hours from the time the body of the Lord Jesus Christ was raised from the dead, and what do we find? I know there are different opinions and ideas today as to when Jesus went into the tomb, but the Scriptures are very clear, if we let the Word of God speak its own sentiment. We know that the resurrection of Jesus took place at the dawn of or at the beginning of the first day of the week. In Bible reckoning, the day begins at sunset and ends at sunset.

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The Sunday School

E. L. MOORE

THE first Sunday School of which we have any special record was founded in the seventeenth century in England by Robert Raikes. Long live the memory of this great event. God has greatly blessed this work and honored it with His great presence until many God-loving and God-fearing fathers and mothers prize it equal to the church. Really, it is a church in its beginning, the greatest institution today in which to combat evil and train the young to be God-loving and peaceful citizens.

To promote a greater interest and love among the churches as a whole for this noble work we submit the following under topics as follows:

Sunday School and Church

The Church needs Sunday School for many reasons: For the completeness of its being; to help its expansion; to reach young recruits; to make better church workers; for the imparting of Bible information, a part of the church work left undone; to give employment to members as its evangelizing agency.

Next to a good Christian home is the Sunday School, perhaps better environment than many homes. Children grow to good and evil. This being true, they should be trained for service, to choose good and shun evil. Any official informer will tell you that Sunday School is the best place to counteract evil of any nature, taught or practiced. Our public schools are fast becoming contaminated with atheism, modernism, etc., until you have to train your own child. Many homes are filled with the comics, "funny" papers, movies, cigarettes, beer, wine and many other things to stifle the Spirit and presence of God. Good literature and Sunday School work will help to change this for a better home. Society carries the heavy burden of crime today chiefly because of neglect of proper discipline, for lack of religious training. The young today are to be leaders tomorrow and what they know and do depends on their training and learning today. And to help a child is to help a man.

To be able to cope with evil influences one has to be prepared. Sunday School is that place to prepare.

A Good Sunday School

There are many kinds of Sunday Schools—good, poor and indifferent—so why not have a good one? A first-class Sunday School will not incur any greater trouble. It costs no more. All will

be happier and more eager to do good and work. Then you can say, "I was glad when they said, Let us go up into the house of the Lord."

There are good qualities found in all grades and classes of any Sunday School, and as we desire the best, so that it will not be a straining burden to go, there would be some things to consider. First, your interest and purpose. Greater interest, with the purpose considered, will create a greater love and that stirs enthusiasm and enthusiasm is feeling, is fire, is magnetic force; its appeal is to the heart. So we can be enthusiastic until our interest will be taken note of, and that brings many to Sunday School who would never come otherwise. Have such an interest aroused until all will want to come and see. Your knowledge of your Bible or the work will not draw like interest. It has been said that knowledge is not power, but I say knowledge aflame with interest is. Our purpose should be to make better boys and girls, to build up character, make better Christians, hence better homes.

A good Sunday School is a character builder the same as the teachers. The teachers should feel the responsibility of the class to the extent they would sacrifice their own good time and pleas-

ure to be of greater blessing, considering the motto, "Not for self but for others." This is really life's purpose and considering this we can be able to prove our love to them better. If our time is spent for God it will not be in vain.

Many things are calling the youth of today — amusements of every kind, teachings of every kind, training in every thing. They are schooled in the ways of sin and crime; taught no harm, no harm, it is only natural; modernism, science, infidelity. Our purpose is to train them for God. Left alone they learn too much evil. It will take effort (which God honors), energy, sacrifice, all coupled with love, to prove your interest and make a good Sunday School, but there will be something that will shine forth that will draw little terrors, as you might call them, from the very gutters of sin, from all walks of life, from the streets, from other churches, because you have something worth while—a good, live Sunday School. Your best efforts on time, all the time, with a smile for all, will help bring this to pass.

For the lambs will follow the sheep, you know,

Wherever the sheep may stray;
If the sheep go wrong it will not be long
Till the lambs are as wrong as they.

And so with the sheep we earnestly plead,

For the sake of the lambs today
If the lambs are lost what a terrible cost
Some sheep will have to pay.

WHAT DID GOD SAY?—(Continued from page 5)

be left without excuse, since the chapter opens with reference to the majesty and grace of Christ, and proceeds to tell us of His purifying and refining power, assuring us He will be a swift witness against the rebellious.

He also tells us of how the Lord's children have from days of old turned away from the ordinance of God. Read verses 8 to 18 inclusive and come on, let's obey, that we may be called His in the day that He makes up His jewels.

And God said, "This is my beloved Son; hear ye him." We do not have to question the matter as to whom God had reference, neither is it necessary to sum up the many sayings of the New Testament in regard to this matter, if we're honest-hearted. We note Jesus' own words, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." Are you criticizing, or giving heed?

Let us link a few things together and we'll have a chain strong enough to pull all honest-hearted believers into the blessings which obedience brings.

Now, if God, the Creator of heaven and earth, and the Possessor of all things, commanded us to give heed to the words of Jesus, and Jesus said that we should live by all the words coming from the mouth of God, and that same mouth said, through his prophet, that we had robbed God in tithes and in offerings, where are we, if we fail to keep all these sayings or commands? Do we love God? Let our acts, not our words, prove just how much we love Him. One-tenth of our increase belongeth unto the Lord and is holy unto Him. I fear if we use holy money or goods it will bring sorrow upon us.

Now, little children, in these perilous times, let us not measure ourselves by ourselves, but by the Word of God, and while this discourse has been written on tithing, the author fully realizes that God's Word teaches that if we keep the whole law and yet offend in one point we are guilty of all.

May we search with diligence the Holy Writ, and get dressed up for the meeting in the air.

Tempted, Tested, Delivered and Rewarded

(A Testimony)

Before you read this testimony I want you to understand that I boast only in the Lord. Prov. 3:6 says, "In all thy ways acknowledge him and he shall direct thy paths." I am a young man who believes in doing so in every walk of life. I had a job at a sawmill at thirty cents an hour and was offered another job at about forty cents. I was notified about it one afternoon and the foreman wanted me to start to work the next morning and not having much time to pray over it, I took the job, not knowing the will of the Lord. The afternoon before I took the job it seemed as though my blessings were cut off. I couldn't understand why my blessings were not as great because it was a clean, honest job, unless it was that I was not fully in the will of the Lord. Surely the Lord had something better in store for me. I would try to pray and it seemed as though I were praying against a wall and I would try to read my Bible and I couldn't get interested in it. Well, there I was and I didn't know anything else to do but quit my job. As I would think the matter over I remembered what a good recommendation my foreman had given to the superintendent and that made the thought to work on a greater temptation. I would then think, "If I could get fired it would be good," so I prayed and asked God to let it be so, but no results came, for God wants US to forsake all and follow Him. I did not feel that the Lord meant for me to entirely live by the gospel, so I couldn't understand it, but I want to say here that we should be ready and willing to obey God whether we understand it or not. I wanted to keep my job, but the Spirit of the Lord led differently.

During these times I really felt the need of the Lord's help, because I didn't want to break the confidence these men had in me. My soul was restless and the temptation to work on there was great. My troubles were bearing down on me as I stood halted between two opinions. My heart's desire was to be a real man of God and when the Lord brought this to my mind, I decided to serve Him at any cost. By faith I left my former job and, thinking I would find the Lord's will, I took another job on a percentage basis. After a few days my partner, with whom I worked, quit and I was left without a job. I had faith to step out, but whether I had faith to stand

was another question. Then when I thought of what a good job I had given up and the condition I was in I had one of the hardest trials of my experience. A few days passed and God still had not led me to another job. This looked to be one of the times when the Lord would try me out. Now was when I needed more faith and I prayed to God for help and for Him to lead me to another job. It seemed as if that prayer didn't go through. Weeks passed by and I continued to pray and plead with God for help, but it seemed like God would not help me concerning this matter. The Bible says God is no respecter of persons and I still had no job, but Paul wrote in Phil. 4:19, "My God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Jesus Christ." Paul was speaking to a class of people who were obeying God. I thought I was obeying God, but to be sure I would check over my past life and see if the reason was on my part. Everything was considered and still no reason was found. My finance and patience were nearly exhausted. Others testified and talked of how God had blessed their souls and helped them in financial ways, and again I would think of the scripture, "God is no respecter of persons." I prayed and told God if He didn't answer my prayer that I didn't believe I would testify to the fact that He would answer prayer. To praise Him for saving me would make up my testimony, for I had been out of work for about three months and was very discouraged.

One afternoon I felt a little impressed to pray and then decided to pray once more. Out to the edge of an old field I went to pray and at first it seemed quite hard. The one thing to do was to pray harder and I put forth greater effort to make the prayer successful. While praying it seemed God put it on my heart to fast, but after fasting so much without success I didn't want to, however, if it was His will I would obey. In this prayer God gave me a renewing of the Spirit. Praise His holy name. The feeling after this prayer was the same as the night I received the Holy Ghost. The devil tried to make me doubt, but God had been too real to me. Then I was encouraged to wait on God and the Holy Ghost was revealing Himself to me. In just a few days God came on the scene and gave me

a job at one dollar an hour. I prospered rapidly and sometimes made as much as seventy-nine dollars a week. He was rewarding me for obedience and keeping His commandments. 1 John 3:22 says, "And whatsoever we ask we receive of him, because we keep his commandments and do those things that are pleasing in his sight." The 23d verse reads, "And this is his commandment, that we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ." I had kept His commandments and in that prayer I believed on His holy name and God heard me and granted my request. If I had given up and turned back, look where I would have been, without God, without any hope of heaven, in debt, and hell would have been my eternal home.

Dear reader, I want to say that you may be serving God and walking in all the light you see and have been asking God a long time for something you need and it seems as if God won't answer your prayer, but don't give up and turn back; just continue to keep His commandments and do those things which are pleasing in His sight and God will come on the scene and grant your request. That is His promise and the Bible says He is not slack concerning His promises. God knows how much patience we have and how long our faith will hold out, so just hold on until God answers your prayer. I have been praying a long time for God to help me go to Bible School and I believe if Jesus tarries He is going to make it possible through this job that I may be able to go. God has been so good to me, more than I can ever tell. He has answered so many prayers for me and I praise His holy name for it. Praise His sweet name! Pray for me that I will keep His commandments and do those things which are pleasing in His sight.—Jefferson Brantley, Tennille, Ga.

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An Outstanding Week at B.T.S. and College



Prayer Warriors and World Reconstruction

Lecture by Dr. Dean Dutton
(Continued from last week)

One of the most marvelous stories I have ever heard was of a minister whose church was prospering. His health went bad and the only thing for him to do was to retire. He went home and settled in the biggest business of his lifetime. He carefully planned his life of intercession. He understood that intercessory prayer is a business. He had about thirty minister friends whom he put on his prayer list. After this old minister passed on to his reward, they found his record and his list of the names of these men and the times when he prayed for them. It was discovered that at the time he was praying for them, a great revival had broken out at each place. He had accomplished in his retirement more than in all of his ministry.

What is the basis of intercession? John 15:7, "Whatsoever ye ask in my name ye shall receive it." The contact to the whole thing is your loyalty and devotion to Jesus. You have to master your devotion to Him. No matter where your path leads, He has gone the way before you. A friend of mine, when he was a boy, said, "I am never frightened by the devil because I hide behind Jesus. If the devil gets me, he will have to take Jesus first." He is the key to all knowledge and guidance. "If ye abide in me and my words abide in you." When you are obedient to God's plans, and God's plans get in you and are worked out through you, then you are set apart as God's precious offering.

Now I want to give you a picture. Here is the foundation of intercession. Way back in the realms of the infinite, when the glorious Father and the precious Son were talking over this lost world, the Son probably said, "Father, we made such a wonderful earth down there, arranged everything for them, but those people aren't doing right. They are quarreling and have to be put in jail and in insane asylums and something must be done. We sent our prophets and they killed them. Father, let me go. I want to live with them and give my blood."

The angels heard the conversation and said, "Now, Jesus, can't we organize a group of angels to go?" Jesus said, "No, I must take everything I have and put it all in." When the time came for Jesus to bid the Father good-bye, the angels came in and sang the farewell song. Don't you think it moved God to have a Son like that? God was mellowed and tendered with a new appreciation of Jesus. On the hillsides of Galilee the angels said, "Fear not, for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy." Jesus had been born into this world. Jesus taught the great principles of life. He introduced a plan for economic justice, and then He went to Calvary's cross and perished in the place of you and me. He paid the price of salvation; then burst forth from the grave and spent forty days to show us how beautiful and unending He is with us every day. How marvelous and meaningful those forty days were that Jesus spent with His disciples. He walked along the road and talked to them while their hearts burned within them. Then came Mount Olive. He gathered those disciples together and gave them a great command and a promise, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." They were to go to Jerusalem and tarry until they were endued with power from on high. He was going back to headquarters to report. They were to take into their hearts the interests of the kingdom. What a responsibility was given to those disciples to carry on the kingdom. There is glory and splendor in taking into our souls the interests of the kingdom of God.

Can you visualize the meeting of that Father and Son? He shows Him the prints of the nails in His hands, and the other wounds. He has given all that He had to a lost world. And can you imagine Jesus as He falls into the arms and bosom of the Father? Can you imagine the Father refusing to do anything that Jesus asked? Jesus had said to the disciples, "If you ask anything of the Father in my name it shall be given you." Jesus gives us a pack of blank checks and everyone is signed with His blood. Whenever you present that check to God in His name, it moves God. That is the basis of intercession.

During the Civil War there was a judge in the City of Cincinnati who had a son named Charlie. Charlie enrolled in the Federal Army. This greatly disturbed the father and mother. The father became so concerned about the soldier boys, that when crippled, weakly, frail soldier boys came back, the old judge gave his time and much of his money to take care of them. One day he said, "I am sick and disgusted with this soldier business. I'm not going to help another one; it is taking too much of my time." He went to work and someone knocked at his door. It was a crippled soldier boy who inquired for him. He pulled out a note from his pocket and handed it to the judge. The note read, "Dear Father, the bearer of this note is the soldier that found me wounded on the battlefield. He cared for me and nursed me back to health. Now I am back on the front lines again. He has lost a leg and is on his way home. Anything you can do for him is for your son.—Charlie." The old judge called a cab and took the soldier home. When they arrived, the little mother had a twinkle in her eye. She demanded an explanation. He said, "Mother, this boy saved Charlie's life." You may be sure the boy was well taken care of until he was able to go on home.

I am pleading with you tonight. You have something to do besides singing and shouting. That is all fine, but get into your souls and hearts the interests of God's kingdom. Be powerful in your life of intercession.

Need For a Christian Education After the War

When this terrible war is ended there will be opportunities open everywhere for those who have had education and Christian training. The poor heathen are crying for the gospel, and then will be the time for the ones who have felt their call to the mission field and have been training for it, to do their bit in this world.

The orphans and widows left from the sacrificing of their loved ones will need the comfort that man is not able

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Foreign Missions



This page edited by Rev. M. P. Cross, Executive Mission Secretary.

At Work in a New Foreign Field

Dear Brothers, Sisters, and Friends:

The same God who led us out five years ago, to that dear land of India, and so marvellously brought us safely back home through those infested waters a few months ago, has placed us in another corner of His great vineyard where we are happy to work and live for His glory. We greatly appreciate the good stay we had in our homeland. Seemed that everyone was far better to us than we deserved. But all the time we were enjoying the comforts and luxuries of America, the lost souls in countries where opportunities to hear the gospel are not so common as in the States, were calling, beckoning to us. So we appreciate being again on the foreign field in God's service.

We have no churches here, not even one member! Most of the people here haven't even heard of the baptism of the Holy Ghost. But we have already found many hungry hearts. There are many true Christians who are longing for more of God, and who are eager to hear the full gospel. How many will accept His fulness is not yet evident, but we will perform our duty, sow the seed, and leave the increase to God. We know that if you help us upon your knees, if we sow the seed, watering it with your prayerful tears as well as ours, there will be a harvest of souls for the Lord's glory!

Before opening our mission, we visited every Protestant church in town, and were well received and even invited into their pulpits. Since we have begun services here pastors, as well as members of those churches, have attended some of our meetings. We greatly appreciate this Christian spirit of cooperation.

The dominating religious forces in this land are Catholicism and Spiritualism, and the latter is wrapped up in the former so that in many instances they are inseparable. Though this is not a land of heathenism or paganism, many evil superstitions reign in the hearts of the people. We know that Christ can break these fetters of Satan also, so that many precious ones here can enjoy the same liberty in Christ that you and we are enjoying.

We know that many of you are praying for us, so this is a reminder to all that we do covet a continued interest in

your prayers, for we know that the "effectual, fervent prayer of the righteous availeth much." We want all of you to know that we thoroughly enjoyed our visits to the various churches, and the blessed revival meetings which we were privileged to attend while we were in the States. Many of you have asked us to write you and we have been unable to find the time thus far. But now you have our address, so we trust the Lord will lay it upon your hearts to write us in your spare time, for we found in India that your letters from the homeland were very encouraging and inspiring. And we shall be very glad to answer the letters as we receive them.

May God bless everyone of you in your respective places, that whether laymen or ministers, all will work together unceasingly for the one purpose—the salvation of more lost souls this year than have been saved in any year previous.—Yours humbly, Hoyle and Mildred Case, Calle Corona No. 808, Santiago de Cuba, Cuba.

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Higgins Land, St. Ann, Jamaica, B.W.I.

Dear saints, we praise the Lord for an old-fashioned Holy Ghost revival at Higgins Land Church of God. We started a revival the third week in August and it lasted for two weeks. On January 3, 1943, another revival was started which lasted for two more weeks. The Lord truly blessed during these revivals. Thirty-six souls were saved, fourteen sanctified, five filled with the Holy Ghost, nineteen baptized in water, and twenty-five added to the church. We praise the Lord for the many souls that were refreshed by the wonderful sermons that went forth. A wonderful sermon was delivered by Brother John Higgins. Many good messages were delivered by our pastor. We believe God truly spoke through those speakers. We believe Brother L. W. Higgins is a God-called preacher, one who preaches the Word in its fulness. Please pray for the church in Higgins Land, that the Lord will keep His blessings among His saints.—Mrs. Mary Cross, reporter.

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Greetings in Jesus' dear name. Good reports keep coming in from the different assemblies here in Barbados, and also from the other islands.

Sister Green wrote recently of the

way God is helping and blessing in the work in St. Vincent, and that they are working hard towards getting the much-needed church building at Biabou for our headquarters church in St. Vincent.

Sister Stoute is also looking forward with much expectation to the much-needed building in Castries, St. Lucia. We are now seeking for a suitable piece of land to rent or lease there to build on. A carpenter there, who does quite a bit of contract work, has offered to build us a meeting room for \$500, with a gable roof covered with native shingles. This will be largely built of native wood, as this is more durable and less expensive than imported lumber, which is very scarce here now, owing to the international situation. As you know, we have some money in toward the erection of a building at Castries, and they are doing all they can to raise more.

I have had letters from both Brothers Morris and Babb in British Guiana, expressing how God is blessing there and asking when I will be able to pay them a visit. So on the whole, our work is moving on under the blessing of God, and the guidance of the blessed Holy Spirit.—Faithfully His and yours, James B. Winter, overseer, Barbados and other islands.

HURRAH FOR NORTH CAROLINA!

We have just received a package containing 79 pairs of pillowcases, 69 sheets, 82 towels, 119 washcloths, and several other articles.

If a few more states respond like this, we will have enough sheets, pillowcases, and bedspreads for all of our single beds, and we will not have to go to the stores and buy as we had thought we were going to have to do.

We feel like saying, "Thank you, Brother Chesser. Thank you, North Carolina."

Church of God Orphanage
Cleveland, Tennessee

REPORTS

BASEMENT OF N. KNOXVILLE CHURCH



In October, 1941, in a little stone building, nine were taken into the Church of God. Immediately we started a building fund and hunting for a lot. In July, 1942, we paid \$300 for a 50x150 lot in this beautiful oak grove in N. Knoxville, Tennessee.

Now, we thank God for a nice brick basement 34x57 feet, which cost us \$1,650 and is now paid down to \$800. We paid \$400 down and have averaged \$100 per month since. We have twenty-five members at present and have bought fifty chairs and a new coke heater which is paid for. The Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad. By this time next year we expect to have our building completed by the help of the Lord.

FIRST FELLOWSHIP MEETING IN 1943

It was indeed a great privilege and inspiration to meet with the saints at Portland, Maine, Jan. 25, 1943.

Brother Wm. F. Morris, the overseer of the New England District, was there to open the service, and workers and saints were there from various parts of the district. Owing to the gas shortage, many had come by bus and train, and it had been a sacrifice, however the sacrifice was soon forgotten as Brother Morris, with his big smile, assured us he was glad we had come. The Holy Ghost was there to bless and soon we felt like the children of Israel as they danced and shouted on the banks of deliverance at the Red Sea. We, too, had crossed the Red Sea of 1942, and were ready to take up the march of 1943.

Brother Wm. E. Winters had charge of the music, and he surely knows how. The singers, too, seemed at their best. The quartet, composed of Sister Sarah McClure, Sister Gladys Green, Brother

W. E. Pettitt, and Brother Winters, and Sister Dollis Reese as solist sang several numbers which made our hearts glad.

The testimony service was blessed and shouts of victory filled the auditorium as the Holy Ghost took charge.

Brother H. Davis, pastor of the Belfast church, brought the message of the afternoon, which was enjoyed.

We adjourned just long enough to partake of the refreshments prepared by the good folk at Portland, gathering back again for the Y.P.E. service with Sister Lavana Box in charge. We have some fine young folk here and their program was fine. We enjoyed some more good singing and praying.

We were privileged to have in the evening service Sister Avery and Sister Linberg who have a work at Keeser Falls. They favored us with a duet. Also, Rev. and Mrs. Mitchell, pastor of the Assemblies of God church at West Brook, rendered a very fine number in song. Rev. Albert Earl and Mrs. Earl, pastor of the Assemblies of God at Augusta, were with us with their musical

instruments. They also sang.

Brother Earl brought the evening message which was blessed by the Lord and enjoyed by all. Too soon the time came for handshakes and good-byes, yet never to be forgotten is the first fellowship meeting of 1943. Please pray for us. If you have the call of God and want to go where you'll be appreciated, come to Maine.—Ruth E. Justinn, 83 Cony St., Augusta, Maine.

EDINBURG, TEX., DISTRICT CONVENTION

The Church of God district convention of the Edinburg district convened Jan. 29-31 at Edinburg, Tex., with Rev. T. W. Godwin, state overseer and Rev. F. C. Dozier in charge.

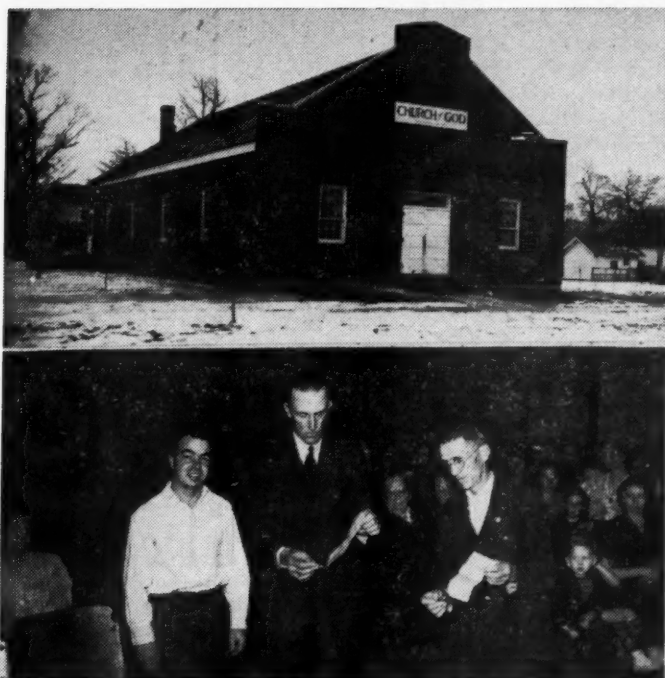
Services opened Friday evening with prayer and singing, scripture reading by Rev. T. W. Godwin, and welcome address by our pastor, Rev. F. C. Dozier. Short talks were given by Brother W. W. Smethers, of Trinity, Brother H. D. Statum, of Selman City, Sister Dozier, of the local church, in behalf of the L.W.W.B., and Brother Neal, of Aransas Pass, in behalf of that L.W.W.B. Rev. T. W. Godwin was in charge of the offering for the orphanage, which amounted to \$26.00, far better than last year. The message was brought by Brother Neal. God surely blessed.

Saturday morning, after the devotional, prayer for the sick and scripture reading by Brother Godwin, he gave the teachings of the Church of God. Saturday evening he gave the reports of the churches on the district which went over the top one hundred per cent on everything for the four months' work. An offering for the overseer was then taken. Brother Statum brought the message. Best of all, one prayed through to the Holy Ghost, speaking in tongues as the Spirit gave utterance.

Sunday morning following the devotional, remarks were given by Brother Dozier and a short message by Brother Smethers. Brother Godwin then brought a wonderful message. Showers of blessings came down. God surely stirred hearts to the utmost and a mission offering was taken. How God did bless! God loveth a cheerful giver. The total offering was \$113, the best this district ever had. The crowds were large at all services. Sunday night Brother Statum brought a stirring message. It pays to serve God regardless of the situation. One came into the Church. We feel that this convention was the best we have ever had. We thank the Lord for such a good pastor as Brother F. C. Dozier and for his wonderful program. We mean to stand by him through his faithful work. Pray for us.—Mrs. Viola Yancey, clerk.

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CHURCH OF GOD AT JEFFERSON, IOWA, FREE OF DEBT



Pictured here are the exterior of the Church of God at Jefferson, Iowa, now completely free of debt, and an interior view during the note-burning ceremony on Christmas Eve. Engaged in the note-burning are, left to right: James Marx, board member; James Schilling and Arthur Mooney, trustees. Burchard Wind, the third trustee who was a big factor in the debt-retirement campaign, was not present.

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This beautiful tabernacle, which is located in the heart of the city of Jefferson, is now free of debt and the notes were burned on Christmas night. This property was purchased in the year of 1936 and the church was set in order with 12 members by Rev. J. L. Goins, state overseer, and Rev. J. H. Walker, General Overseer. It was pastored the first two years by Rev. W. W. Goins, who did a nice lot of improvements on the property. Rev. Arnold Folden then pastored two years: Rev. Alvin Thompson, one year, and Rev. J. M. Foshe, one year. The minister pictured here is Rev. Merl DeWitt, who took the pastorate last Assembly and had the privilege of paying the last \$400 on the property, which finished the debt of \$2,400.



REV. MERL DeWITT

Pastor of the Church of God at Jefferson since last September, had charge of the note-burning ceremony on Christmas Eve.

There is a fine band of saints in this church and they appreciate the Church of God.—J. L. Goins.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND Y.P.E. CONVENTIONS Over the Top

Those are the words to describe our district convention, which convened at the North Chattanooga church Saturday night and Sunday, February 13, 14.

Every church reported and the fund raised for the orphanage amounted to \$210. The offering from every church exceeded that of last year. Special music was furnished by the Boys' Duet from the orphanage. On Saturday night Brother Ritchie, Edwards Point, gave a talk

on "Young People" and Brother Blackwood, N. Chattanooga, gave a talk on "The Lighted Pathway." We were wonderfully blessed in having Sister Harrison and also Brother Ralph Campbell, of the Church of God Publishing House, with us on Saturday. Brother Campbell told how he was doing personal work with the Lighted Pathway.

Sunday morning the message was brought by Brother Brazell, our state superintendent. Sunday afternoon we had a talk by Brother Charlie Donohue, Missionary Ridge, on the Sunday School. We were happy to have Brother Earl Paulk with us Sunday afternoon and evening. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way. During Brother Paulk's message the congregation was all broken up, many shedding tears and all saying in their hearts they would work harder and pray more for our orphan boys and girls.—C. B. Godsey, district superintendent; Marjorie Colquitt, reporting secretary, 1514 Union Ave., Chattanooga, Tenn.

Ranger, Tex., District Convention

The Church of God Sunday School and Y.P.E. convention of the Ranger, Tex., district convened Feb. 12-14. This district is composed of three churches—Ranger, Strawn and Stephenville.

The orphanage offering was \$100.11 cash and \$21.77 in merchandise. The mission offering was \$30. The spiritual tide was high all through the convention. Everyone expressed this as being the best convention he ever attended.

Brother Glynn Weatherby, our state superintendent, is accomplishing that which seems impossible. We can't find words to express our appreciation for the fine work he is doing. His eleven o'clock message was an inspiration to all. Brother Otha Anderson, of Graham, brought a fine message. Brother Aubrey Mitchell, of Strawn, also brought a message. God blessed and the altar was full of young people seeking God.

We are closing this convention and starting a young people's revival with Brother Esel Gibson doing the preaching.—W. L. Shires, pastor of the Ranger church.

Mission Rally

We are happy to report our mission rally held January 31 at Combs, Ky. Our district pastor, Rev. J. R. Lynning, brought a wonderful Spirit-filled message which made the "go ye" flood our souls anew. The Lord blessed and the good people obeyed Him and gave an offering of \$31.

Ministers present were Rev. Jas. Dixon, Rev. Willie Cook, Rev. W. E. Foster, Rev. Jas. Atkinson, Rev. J. R. Lynning, and the writer. Our next rally will meet at Vicco, Feb. 22.—Rev. J. D. Pitts, clerk, Vicco, Ky.

Requests For Prayer

We receive many requests for the salvation of relatives, loved ones, and friends, also for urgent unspoken requests. There are so many of these it is impossible to publish them, but we ask that all take them to heart and earnestly pray that the Lord will answer prayer in their behalf. In order for requests to be published they should be signed.

Pray For

The healing of my body; my three children to be healed of colds; my baby's head which has risen.—Mrs. J. C. Pruitt, Rt. 2, c/o H. S. Pruitt, Anderson, S. C.

My husband to be healed of rheumatism in his ankle; me to be healed of sick stomach and strengthened; my ear to be completely healed; my father's eyesight to be restored.—Mrs. G. E. Wade, Rt. 1, Box 71, Elko, S. C.

My body to be healed; my mother-in-law's body to be healed.—Mrs. Lester Knight, Pamplico, S. C.

God to heal my body.—Criss Chubb, Rt. 3, Sullivan, Ind.

My afflicted body.—Mrs. Allie Boyce, 1400 Trout St., Johnston City, Ill.

My baby who has a weak spine.—Mrs. Minnie Howell, Rt. 1, Princeton, N. C.

My ten-year-old boy's healing, he was shot in his right eye by a playmate; my healing, I am in a serious condition.—Mrs. H. A. Boster, Rt. 2, Neodesha, Kans.

My healing, as I am suffering with an affliction; my backslidden son.—Grace Keeney, Paducah, Tex.

The healing of my son's body, he has appendicitis; my aunt, Mrs. Bettie Knowles, to be healed of kidney stones.—Mrs. Clara McNeal, East Tallassee, Ala.

Twelve-year-old Amelia Forsythe to be healed, she is not developing in body and is nearly helpless; Mrs. H. Milton's four-year-old son to be healed.—Rev. R. O. Symes, 115 W. 2nd St., LaJunta, Colo.

A very urgent request.—Mrs. Bessie Brooks, Rt. 1, Troy, Tenn.

The healing of Mrs. H. S. Herring of rheumatism; my sister, Hazel Regan, to be healed of asthma; me.—Mrs. G. L. Herring, Pavo, Ga.

Mrs. Lizzie Lewis, Bude, Miss., who has cancer. She needs encouragement.—Sister Eunice McCall, Natchez, Miss.

My daughter who is sick with rheumatic fever.—Rev. David Shepherd, 1843 W. Lexington St., Baltimore, Md.

Me to be healed of heart trouble.—Leonard Newell, Rt. 2, Ethridge, Tenn.

An earnest unspoken request.—Mrs. Nolls, Rt. 9, Box 2240, Phoenix, Ariz.

My sister who is very ill and is going to have to undergo an operation and she is unsaved. Pray for her healing and salvation.—Sister T. L. Willix, Wolf Mountain, N. C.

My husband to be healed.—Mrs. Cleo Blankenship, Oakvale, W. Va.

The healing of my body; very urgent request.—Mrs. Eva Smith, 1853 Champlain, Toledo, Ohio.

My little girl's healing; a neighbor who is in a very bad condition; my little boy to be healed of a severe kidney trouble.—Mrs. Mamie Hill, 3019 County Ave., Dallas, Tex.

My daughter who is very nervous and ill to be healed; a friend to be healed of high blood pressure; a brother in a sanatorium to be healed mentally.—Mrs. Alice Clark, Springfield, Mo.

My brother in the Atlanta hospital to be healed of T. B. and receive the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. Roxie Braswell, Cortez, Fla.

The Lord to undertake for my husband and me.—Mrs. Paul T. Rhegley, Rt. 2, Box 86, Columbia, La.

The Lord to heal my body. I sent a request for prayer and God has healed my limb of a bad sore. I am a paralyzed man and I believe He will completely heal my body. Please keep praying that God will have His way with me and heal my body, D.V. Please write me if you feel led.—Just a poor crippled invalid, A. Cliff Searcy, Rt. 4, Box 127, Winnsboro, La.

The Lord to heal me of kidney and bladder trouble; urgent unspoken request.—Mrs. Marie McConnell, Hemlock Sta., Chester, S. C.

The Lord to heal my arm, my wrist is out of place and it hurts me so bad; my mother to be healed.—Miss Callie Rodriguez, Folsom, La.

My sister-in-law who is sick in bed with a heart attack and low blood pressure to be healed; her husband to be healed of high blood pressure and heart

trouble.—Mr. and Mrs. Willie Boone, Rt. 1, Hallsboro, N. C.; Mr. Oscar Bellamy to be healed of pneumonia; Mrs. Martha Murphy to be healed of pneumonia; Mrs. Mary Council to be healed of high blood pressure and indigestion; Mrs. Mealvina Farrior who has been bedfast for months with cancer of the stomach to be healed; Mrs. Ida Rhodes to be healed of indigestion and low blood pressure.—Mrs. Sallie Baldwin, Rt. 1, Box 7, Hallsboro, N. C.

My son, H. C. Moore, Jr., who is in the Navy Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa., with arthritis fever to be healed, his condition is very serious and he is asking for prayer, also pray that he will be saved. He is as helpless as a baby.—Mary Moore, 190 Grand Ave., Macon, Ga.

The Lord to heal my stomach, also that He will heal me of another trouble, I am in a bad condition, can't eat unless it almost burns me up; Sister Eva Brock to be healed; father and mother to be healed; my sister; Brother Walter Cordell to be healed of head trouble.—Mrs. H. J. Myers, Brockdell, Tenn.

God to undertake for my husband.—Neva Ferguson, 1313 Cale St., South Parkersburg, W. Va.

The healing of my body, I am very sick; unspoken request.—Mrs. J. L. Rogers, Clemons, Ky.

God to heal me of rheumatism and throat trouble; my baby to be healed of a cough.—Mrs. Arnold Irby, Rosiclare, Ill.

God to undertake for me in a special way, He knows my responsibility. My father is eighty-five years of age and my mother sixty-five and they are hardly able to be up. I am the only one to care for them but I have been drafted into the army.—Pvt. Woodie E. Fuller, Station Hosp., Ward 5, Ft. McPherson, Atlanta, Ga.

My husband.—Mrs. Matt Caldwell, Suches, Ga.

The healing of my body of arthritis with which I have suffered for years, it is now all over my body.—Mrs. Sammie Snider, South Main St., Woodruff, S. C.

The Lord to heal me, I lost my voice Feb. 9 and have not been able to speak, only whisper since; my ankle which was injured in a fall to be healed, I have hardly been able to walk for four months and have had to be in bed with it.—Sarah Rycroft, 2 Robbins Circle, Lexington, N. C.

God to heal our two little girls, they

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are partly deaf and it seems they are growing worse; little Vondell Mack who is sick to be healed; unspoken request.—Rev. and Mrs. Hays M. Long, Cobb-town, Ga.

Sister Etta Morgan to be healed; me to be healed. — Myrtle Tapp, Rt. 2, Telephone, Tex.

The Lord to save and heal me of T.B. I stayed in the Church of God Orphanage about four years. I didn't know how to appreciate that home while I was there, but if I were back there in good health, I would know how to appreciate it.—Hoke Anderson, State Sanatorium, Alto, Ga.

Two unspoken requests. — Mrs. Olga Bagwell, Atlanta, Ga.

The Lord to heal me of a goitre, also my heart is bothering me so I can hardly do anything. — Mrs. Josie Leopard, Box 44, Ninety Six, S. C.

The Lord to heal my baby who is nearly four years old and can't walk; my husband who is in the state hospital to be healed; me to be healed of low blood pressure, secondary anemia, and nervousness. I had a nervous breakdown last spring and have never fully recovered.—Mrs. Glenn Johnson, 2213 E. 26th St., Chattanooga, Tenn.

Solicitation for Prayer

I want every old time Christian to pray earnestly that I will get to attend the Church of God Bible Training School next year. I am blind and nineteen years of age. I have tried to make arrangements to go there but failed to be advised to come there. I am blind and would have to have a reader. There is a board that helps the blind, however, and I feel sure they are going to do everything they can to get me in the Training School. This board will pay my tuition and also pay for all the books that I will need there. They will also pay a reader to read to me. They will pay everything except the board, and that will be left up to me. Please, if anyone would like to take the job of reading to me at the Training School, notify Rev. Zeno C. Tharp, Church of God Bible Training School and College, Sevierville, Tenn.

I feel deeply the calling of the Lord to preach the gospel, and my most cherished hope is that I will get to attend the Bible Training School. I am a high school graduate. I do not want to shirk the call of God but I need more training. Also, our family is poor and I hardly see how I will be able to pay my board, but I am trusting God to sup-

NOTES FROM MY LETTERS

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raised around \$800 since the Assembly, to pay off their church and are now awaiting a clear title. The Blythe church has all but \$200 of the amount that they need to clear their property. So we can really see progress in the matter of obtaining property.

Brother Pearson writes from Porterville, that we can buy a church and parsonage for \$1,500 with only \$500 down. I have written him that we can help with money from our mission treasury and hope to have something to report from there real soon. Brother Mushegan and Brother Jeffreys are to open up a new work at Ukipah real soon and we hope to see a Church of God there real soon. Brother Anseil, who is in charge of the work in the South of California, tells me that he has two excellent prospects for churches in this area and is only now awaiting workers to put the work in order. So, on the whole, we have much to thank the Lord for tonight.—James L. Slay, overseer of California.

JONAH AND THE WHALE

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set, not from daylight to dark as we have it now. In Genesis, first chapter, we find God's outlay. It says, "And the evening and the morning were the first day." "And the evening and the morning were the second day," and so on. We find that God has never repealed that command and with God time stands as it did in the beginning. The dawn of the first day of the week then was Saturday evening, and in the case of Christ's resurrection, it was just at the close of the Jewish Sabbath day. Read Matthew 28:1-6. Beginning at sundown Saturday evening and counting back seventy-two hours, brings us to Wednesday evening. So Christ was crucified on Wednesday the day before the Sabbath, which was a high day, which was bound to be Thursday and not Friday as is commonly believed.

ply my every need according to His riches in glory. Hallelujah! My heart is overflowing now with praises to Him, for I feel that He will keep this promise. I really cannot express how much He really means to me. He has done so much for me I could never thank Him enough for it. Pray as you have never prayed before, friends and Christian brothers and sisters, that somehow a way may be provided for me so that I may tell the lost and dying of God. I feel that God will provide.—Howard Collier, Rt. 2, Box 30-F, Sylacauga, Ala.

An Outstanding Week at B.T.S.

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to give. Only the love of Jesus flooding their souls can fill that emptiness. There is an opportunity for those who can tell these helpless ones of that love because they have their cups running over and want to share it with someone else.

Then there will be the veterans of war who will need the comfort and help that Christ can give them through one who is willing to carry the gospel. There are numbers of other opportunities open but without the love of God and the necessary training that is needed this work could not be done as well as it should be.

I hope that I can be qualified to help in this kind of work when the war is over.—Doris Lockard.

RELIGION AND THE WORLD

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tion. Out of a population of 6,500,000 persons there are 5,000 Catholics and 7,000 Jews. A free group of churches exists, such as Swedish Missionary Society, Salvation Army, Baptist, Methodist and the Pentecostal movement, all of which make a total of about 400,000 people. Both the state church and the free groups have continued extensive missionary work.

Revival at North Rome, Ga.

ROME, Ga.—I praise the Lord for the wonderful revival which just closed last night at the North Rome Church of God. God met with us in a wonderful way. This revival was conducted by Brother Arthur Turner, a young man eighteen years old. Twenty-six were saved, sixteen sanctified and eleven filled with the Holy Ghost, for we heard them speak in tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. The saints are encouraged to go on and serve the dear Lord. We thank the Lord for our good pastor, Brother Muncy. He is surely a wonderful man of God and is a real shepherd over the flock here. He is not like the hireling. When he sees the enemy is out to catch one of the sheep, he heads him off. We are proud of a shepherd like that.

I have been a member of the North Rome Church of God sixteen years and I love it better every day. Brother Turner has great influence over young people. Pray for us at North Rome, that we will stay on fire for God till Jesus comes for us. We know the harvest is great and the laborers are so few.—Mrs. Bell Richardson.

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